

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 34 and 44, and rejected claims 1-5, 28-33, 35-40.

Claims 45-56 have been added. Thus, claims 1-5 and 28-56 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Drawings/Specification

The ramps of the hook receivers of claim 30 are shown in Fig. 6B reference numeral "170" and described in paragraph [0075] "tapered portion 170." See paragraph [0058], which also discusses ramps and tapered portions. Accordingly, the objections should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

With regards to claim 2, the Examiner states that the use of "such as" is considered indefinite. Claim 2 however does not include the term "such as" and therefore the rejection should be withdrawn. With regards to the term fastener, the invention is trying to overcome problems with fasteners. Instead of using fasteners, the invention uses a quick release latching mechanism, which eliminates the use of fasteners and the problems associated therewith (thus the inclusion of claim 2). As spelled out in the background, the removal of fasteners requires users to have special tools and often some technical skill in order to remove a door. Moreover, the background defines fasteners as screws, bolts, grommets or snaps. None of these allow an easy and quick release connection between a door and a housing as does the quick release latching mechanism of the present invention. Thus, there is a distinction between the terms fasteners and latching mechanism. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

In the heading of the 112 rejection, the Examiner included claims 35-39. These claims appear not to include the language stipulated in the Examiner's argument. Therefore, the Examiner either mistakenly added these claims or forgot to present an argument. As a result, the rejections to these claims are improper. The same can be said for claims 33 and 34 at the end of

the rejection. Stating that claims 33 and 34 are rejected for at least the reasons that they depend from claim 1 means nothing as claim 1 was not rejected under the 112 rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 28-29, 31-32, 35-38 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chen* (6,932,447) in view of *Lin* (6,824,174).

Claim 1

In contrast to both references, claim 1 (and its dependents) specifically requires, "...a quick release handle that is pivotally coupled to the housing..." *Chen* does not disclose a pivoting handle and while *Lin* may disclose a handle 40, *Lin* does not teach or suggest a handle that is pivotally coupled to the housing. In *Lin*, the handle 40 is part of the operable member fixed to the cover. The handle is not part of the stationary member that is fixed to the base. Both references are therefore completely silent to the indicated feature. Furthermore, neither reference provides any motivation to combine the features to come up with the claimed invention. The mere fact that references can be combined or modified does not render the resultant combination obvious unless the prior art also suggests the desirability of the combination. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Claim 35

In contrast to both references, claim 35 (and its dependents) specifically requires, "...a quick release handle positioned at the housing and configured to facilitate the engagement and disengagement of the locking features via a pivoting action..." Again neither reference teaches or suggests a housing side handle that pivots. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Moreover, *Lin* teaches away from the claimed invention. Claim 35 also requires, "the removable access door not having any movable parts thereon." As taught in *Lin*, the cover includes a handle rotatably mounted to the frame 30. Accordingly, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claim 40

The Applicant agrees with the Examiner that *Chen* does not teach a plurality of hook receivers positioned on the inner surface of the access door, a plurality of retention hooks that are attached to the slider bar and located within the access opening, a handle that pivotally coupled to the housing or a motion transform assembly which facilitates use of the slider bar to attach the access door to the housing. The Applicant disagrees with the Examiners position on *Lin*, however. For one, *Lin* does not teach or suggest a handle that is pivotally coupled to a housing as asserted by the Examiner. As mentioned above, the handle of *Lin* is connected to the cover via the operable member. It is not connected to the base. For another, *Lin* does not teach or suggest transforming a rotary motion of the handle to a sliding motion of a slider bar. *Lin*'s latch simply does not work this way. There is no transforming from rotary to sliding. When the handle is rotated in *Lin*, the urging section of the handle presses the tab of the stationary member to urge the operable member to move relative to the stationary member so that the cover can be removed from the base. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Although the rejections to the dependent claims should be withdrawn for at least the reasons as above, it should be noted that they offer additional language that is unsupported by the art.

Claim 30 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chen* (447) in view of *Lin* and further in view of *Chen* (6,917,518).

Claim 33 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chen* (447) in view of *Lin* and further in view of *Huang* (US 2004/0085719).

Claim 39 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chen* (447) in view of *Lin* and further in view of *Worley* (6,359,214) and further in view of *Radu* (6,542,348).

None of the new references overcome the deficiencies of *Chen* (447) and *Lin*. All the references fail to teach or suggest the elements mentioned above with regards to the independent claims. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

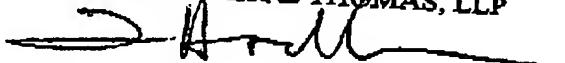
Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 34 has been allowed if rewritten to overcome the objection.
Claim 44 has been allowed.

SUMMARY

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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